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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

November 2, 1920 to November 7, 1922

### **Representative to General Court**

Eugene E. Sawyer

### **Moderator**

Jay M. Goodrich

### **Supervisors of Check List**

Charles B. Wheeler

Harry W. Smythe

Stephen A. Lufkin

### **Ballot Inspectors**

William H. Albree

Arthur D. Goodrich

Hermon E. Rollins

Calvin P. Stowell

March 9, 1920 to March 8, 1921

### **Town Clerk and Treasurer**

Charles G. Mellinger

### **Selectmen**

Charles J. Tuthill

Ernest L. Barnum

Oscar P. Little

### **Tax Collector**

Harry B. Tuttle

### **Auditors**

Eugene E. Sawyer

Albert L. Barry

### **Highway Agent**

Harry W. Smythe

### **Constable**

Charles B. Wheeler

### **Police Officer**

William H. Albree

### **Health Officer**

Arthur H. Sawyer

**Forest Fire Warden**

John H. Smith

**Trustees of Library**

Charles B. Wheeler

Herbert N. Sawyer

Stephen A. Lufkin

**Trustees of Trust Funds**

Eugene E. Sawyer

Charles G. Mellinger

John H. Smith

**Sexton**

Carlisle B. Mason

**Town Weigher**

John H. Smith

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Jay W. Stickney

Carlisle B. Mason

John H. Smith

**Surveyors of Wood and Lumber**

Jay W. Stickney

Moses C. Hall

Andrew Anderson

Walter B. Lang

James P. Lucy

Albert S. Cole

Jcnh H. Smith

Elmer E. Conley

George H. Mason

**Fence Viewers**

George C. Clark

Thomas A. Young

Moses C. Hall

**Field Drivers**

Arthur H. Sawyer

Elbridge G. Perry

Orlaton L. Whittaker

**TOWN WARRANT**  
**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the town of Atkinson qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Grange Hall, in the upstairs room, in said town, on Tuesday the eighth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act on the following subjects:

1 To bring in your ballots upon each of the questions submitted by the Convention to Revise the Constitution relative to the amendments proposed by said Convention at a session held on Jan. 28, 1921.

2 To hear the reports of the Selectmen and other town officers and committees and act thereon.

3 To elect three Selectmen, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and to choose all necessary town officers requiring ballot and major vote.

4 To choose all other necessary town officers.

5 To determine the amount of the salaries and compensation of all town officers.

6 To see if the town will vote to procure the bonds required of its town officers, the expense to be defrayed from the town charges fund.

7 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be deemed necessary for repairing town highways and bridges. (\$1,086.81 required by statute, being " $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1 per cent. of the valuation of the polls and ratable estate") Selectmen recommend \$1,600.00.

8 To see if the town will vote to raise and set apart such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the permanent improvement of its main highways. (\$434.00 required by statute, being "\$1.00 on each thousand of the valuation.")

9 To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate and set apart the sum required by law to secure State Aid to permanent improvement of the highways. (\$217.00 required "50 per cent of the amount required to be set apart for permanent improvements", stated in preceeding article.)

10 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,600.00 for maintenance of State roads. (The State to give \$2,600.00 as a like sum to be expended, making a joint fund of \$5,200.00, as per estimate of the Highway Commission.)

11 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to defray town charges, the balance of such charges to be taken from unappropriated income in the treasury.

12 To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as the town may need for general expenses in anticipation of taxes.

13 To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of the Act regarding the manner of conducting caucuses and elections in the Public Statutes, Chapter 33, Laws of 1897, Chapter 78, Sect. 8, as to the election of town officers chosen by ballot, so far as the provisions of the Act are applicable.

14 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money above that required by law for the support of the public library. (\$46.47 required, being "computed at the rate of thirty dollars for every dollar of the public taxes apportioned to said town".)



15 To see if the town will vote to install electric lights in the library buildings, and raise and appropriate a sum sufficient for the same. (Unused balance of last year's appropriation in treasury \$85.00; due from treasury for sale of grass \$20.00.)

16 To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to grade the driveway in front of the library, and also level between said driveway and driveway being constructed into the new cemetery, and raise and appropriate a sum sufficient for the same.

17 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$270.00 for six electric street lights on Maple Avenue, six on the East Road, and three additional lights at the south end of the town, matter of location to be left to the Selectmen.

18 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the extermination of Gypsy and Brown Tail moths.

19 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 or any other sum deemed sufficient for the care of the cemeteries.

20 To see if the town will vote to make an appropriation from the town charges fund for Memorial Day exercises for 1920 and 1921.

22 To see if the town will vote to build a new cement bridge at Hall's Mills, and raise and appropriate a sum sufficient for same.

23 To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to keep the lawn mown during the summer around the soldiers' monument, the expense to be defrayed from the town charges fund.

24 To hear and act upon the proposal of the Plaistow Electric Light and Power Co., regarding the installation of poles and electric wires on the East Road.

25 To see if the town, out of courtesy to the women voters, will make a rule that all smoking be done outside of the town meeting room.

26 To see if the town will vote to make a special appropriation for repairs on the East road, and vote to raise the same.

27 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-first day of February, 1921.

CHARLES J. TUTHILL  
ERNEST L. BARNUM  
OSCAR P. LITTLE

Selectmen of Atkinson

A true copy of Warrant. Attest:—

CHARLES J. TUTHILL  
ERNEST L. BARNUM  
OSCAR P. LITTLE

Selectmen of Atkinson

WITH GREETINGS from the Selectmen:—

The foregoing Warrant contains the usual necessary articles, and articles embodying all requests brought to us. We have added explanations to certain articles, showing how the Public Statutes bear upon them.

We believe in a spirit of progress, but recommend a careful attitude toward the raising of money this year, even to reducing the salaries of your Selectmen.

We call attention to the fact that the treasurer's balance in favor of the town one year ago was \$2,831.10, and this year \$2,686.41, not much difference.

The bond issues are fully explained on page following the Town Treasurer's report. The cost of the equipment paid for by the issue is found in the Detail Statement of Payments.

Valuation dropped \$11,126.81. Automobiles were ordered out of the assessment column by the State. There was less stock in trade, less lumber, less money on hand, but more fowls. Resident valuation remained about the same, with an increase of non-resident.

We feel that the voters would like to understand concerning town charges. Anything and everything charged to a town is a town charge. The actual town charges for 1920 were \$3,541.81, only \$1,700.00 of which was ordered raised by taxation. Now what had to be classified as town charges? The following: town officer's salaries, expenses, election and registration, rent of the Grange Hall, protection of persons and property, health, snow pathing, charities, Memorial Day 1919, care of cemeteries, interest, special road repairs, dirt road overdraw, and general expenses of highway department. Total payments for these town charges will show that \$1,700.00 appropriated was not quite half enough. Where did the town get the other \$1,841.81? From the unappropriated money in the treasury. How does there happen to be any such money in the treasury? There was 671.97 such in the treasury at the beginning of the year; \$765.82 more came in during the

year from insurance, railroad, savings bank taxes, business licenses and permits, interest on taxes and deposits, auto permits, filing fees, sale of cemetery lots and hearse; 342.00 came in from poll taxes; (polls are taxed slightly); the State sent a check of \$480.30 to reimburse the town for money it had spent; making at least \$2,260.09 unappropriated money in the treasury with which to pay town charges. The voters may thus understand that every year there is available for town charges a certain sum representing unappropriated income in the treasury.

The selectmen have done their best to carry out your mandates this year, and have worked together in perfect harmony.

CHARLES J. TUTHILL  
ERNEST L. BARNUM  
OSCAR P. LITTLE

## BUDGET

## Sources of Revenue

	Previous Year	Ensuing Year
From State		
Insurance tax	\$10 50	\$10 50
Railroad tax	129 58	129 58
Savings bank tax	175 05	175 05
Fighting forest fires		8 00
Highways, State aid maintenance	2 551 42	2 600 00
From Local Sources except taxes		
Licenses and permits other than dog licenses	17.00	17.00
Interest on taxes and deposits	33 49	30 00
From Poll Taxes	375 00	690 00
State aid highway new construction	405 60	390 60
Raised by issue of bonds or notes	5 300 00	
	4 000 00	
	8 200 00	
Revenue paid to other govern- mental divisions, \$2.00 from polls	222 00	460 00
Amount raised by property tax	15 897 42	

## Purposes of Expenditure

General Government		
Town Officers Salaries	733 45	800 00
Town Officers Expenses	142 67	150 00
Election and registration	55 60	60 00
Rent of Grange Hall	200 00	200 00
Protection of Persons and Property		
Police department	3 00	
Fire department	4 00	4 00
Moth extermination	150 00	150 00
Health, vital statistics	3 00	5 00
Patriotic, Memorial Day	19 98	30 00
State aid to maintenance	3 087 35	2 600 00
Town's contribution	3 087 35	2 600 00

Town maintenance	2 235 57	1 200 00
Town maintenance, snow pathing	1 250 87	
Street lighting		700 00
General expenses	5 398 97	100 00
Education, Library	90 00	250 00
Charities, town poor	83 50	100 00
Patriotic, Memorial day	1998	30 00
Public Service, cemeteries	101 50	50 00
Interest on temporary loans	216 11	
On bonded debt		201 13
New Highway Construction		
State aid to Construction	632 46	390 60
Town's contribution	405 60	651 00
Payments on bonds		1 200 00
To other Governmental Divisions		
State taxes	1 394 00	1 394 00
County taxes	1 063 44	1 063 44
School district	4 055 45	4 100 00
School District, Insurance money	900 00	

# VALUATION

Resident real estate	277,422.00
Non-resident real estate	75,800.00
101 horses	11,605.00
278 cows	24,025.00
48 neat stock	2,235.00
12 sheep	145.00
4 hogs	105.00
1641 fowl	3,142.50
Tractor	600.00
5 portable mills	1,700.00
Launch	100.00
Wood, lumber, etc.	21,885.00
Money on hand	5,611.79
Stock in trade	2,950.00
Flowage rights	1,600.00
Power line	7,526.00
Mills and machinery	3,700.00
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	440,152.29
Soldier's widow exemption	1,000.00
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	439,152.29

On which the Selectmen have assessed the following:—

State tax	1,394.00
County tax	1,086.66
Highways including permanent imp. fund	1,651.00
To secure State aid	225.50
Maintenance State road	2,551.43
Permanent repairs on east road	500.00
Driveway to new cemetery	300.00
On pit machinery	1,200.00
Street lighting by electricity	540.00
Moth extermination	150.00
Soldiers and sailors memorial	300.00
Town charges	1,700.00
Public library	175.00
Schools, \$5.00 each thousand of valuation	2,173.65

Repairs	450.00
Note	320.00
Academy tuition	600.00
Per capita tax of pupils	150.00
Books, supplies, flags etc.	200.00
Other obligations	30.00
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	15,737.24
Supplementary taxes	160.18
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	15,897.42
Amount committed to the collector:—	
As declared above	15,897.42
7 Poll taxes at \$3.00	21.00
118 Poll taxes at \$5.00	590.00
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	16,508.42

The figures in tax collector's report will include two abatements and re-assessments of pieces of property changing hands during the year, included in above total, but increasing his named total by \$54.30.

Tax Rate, \$36.20



## LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS

MARCH 9, 1920

Repairing town highways, including permanent improvement fund	1,651.00
To secure State aid	225.50
Maintenance of permanent roads	2,551.43
Public library, above requirement	140.00
Moth extermination	150.00
Town charges	1,700.00
Permanent memorial for service men	300.00
Street lighting by electricity	540.00
Permanent repairs East road	500.00
Driveway into new cemetery	300.00
Stone crusher, bin, and engine, complete	1,200.00
Selectmen's salaries	450.00
Tax collector's salary, 1, 1/2 per cent of all collected	

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OF THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H.  
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BALANCE SHEETS

ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer	3,359.04
Due from State, unexpended balances in State treasury	566.60
Taxes not collected, levy of 1910	44.48
Taxes not collected, levy of 1919	3,986.33
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TOTAL ASSETS	7,956.45
Excess of liabilities	893.18
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Grand total	8,849.63

LIABILITIES

Due to School District, dog licenses	105.20
Due to School Library, sale grass	20.00
Due to appropriations, balances in treasury	1,081.82
Due to joint highway account, unexpended balances in town treasury	2,342.61
Bonds outstanding, departmental equipment purchase	5,300.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,849.63
Grand Total	8,849.63

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Furniture and equipment in Grange Hall	\$125.00
Library, land and buildings	3,600.00
Furniture and equipment	1,800.00
Highway department	
30 H. P. steam tractor, belt, ejector	2,100.00
Stone crusher, bin, split pulley	3,000.00
Pit platform	50.00
Road machine, rooter plow, two road drags, twenty round point shovels, fourteen square point shovels, six picks, stone hammer two lanterns, three barrows	250.00
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	10,925.00

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Amount called for in Selectmen's warrant, 1920.

Property tax	\$15,737.24	
115 Poll taxes, \$5.00	575.00	
7 Poll taxes, \$3.00	21.00	
		\$16,333.24

Supplementary assessment by Selectmen

Property tax	214.48	
3 Poll taxes, \$5.00	15.00	
		229.48

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			\$16,562.72
Collected and paid treasury	\$12,496.37		
Abatements by Selectmen			
Property tax	60.02		
4 Poll taxes, \$5.00	20.00		
Uncollected Jan. 31, 1921			
Property tax	3,951.33		
7 Poll taxes, \$5.00	35.00	16,562.72	
Interest collected and paid treasurer		13.22	

HARRY B. TUTTLE, TaxCollector

## REPORT OF THE 1919 TAX COLLECTOR

Amount of uncollected taxes		
Jan. 31, 1920		1,678.53
Collected and paid treasurer	1,587.60	
Abatements by Selectmen Mar. 8,		
1920	12.73	..
Abatements by Selectmen Jan.		
31, 1921	33.72	
Uncollected Andrew Rogers tax	44.48	1,678.53

JAY M. GOODRICH, Tax Collector

## TOTN TREASURER'S REPORT

## Summary of Receipts

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1920		\$3,611.57
Received from the State:		
State aid construction	632.46	
State aid maintenance, 1919	480.30	
State aid maintenance, 1920	2,374.24	
Insurance tax	10.50	
Railroad tax	129.58	
Savings Bank tax	175.05	3,802.13
Jay M. Goodrich, collector 1919 tax		1,587.60
Harry B. Tuttle, collector 1920 poll tax		556.00
Harry B. Tuttle, collector 1920 property tax		11,940.37
Harry B. Tuttle, collector 1920 interest		13.22
Town clerk, dog licenses, 49 dogs		115.20
Town clerk, automobile tax, 1920		181.15
Town clerk, automobile tax, 1921		176.51
Town clerk, filing fees of 3 candidates		6.00
Homer O. Nason, pool license		12.00
Perley L. Collins, peddler's license		5.00
J. A. Richards, cemetery lots		6.00
R. J. Clocher, cemetery lots		10.00
Wm. H. Albree, cemetery lots		4.00
W. E. White, cemetery lots		4.00
Mrs. George C. Scott, cemetery lots		10.00
Selectmen, sale grass, library grounds		20.00
Selectmen, auction sale, old hearse		3.50
J. W. Stickney, overcharged on order No. 266		48.21
Standard Oil Co. of N. Y. material returned		31.83
Albert H. Lapham, material returned		6.00
John H. Smith, sale fire extinguisher		7.00
Haverhill Nat'l Bank, int. on deposits		20.33
Pentucket Savings Bank		
Caroline Upton, cemetery fund		4.50

W. C. Todd, cemetery fund	51.00
Haverhill Savings Bank	
S. E. Knight, cemetery fund	4.50
Essex Savings Bank	
Mary M. Tollman, cemetery fund	4.50
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes:	
Haverhill National Bank, note No. 9	4,000.00
Haverhill National Bank, note No. 10	8,014.94
E. H. Rollins & Sons, from sale of bonds	5,153.67
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	39,410.73

## Summary of Payments

Paid Selectmen's orders, which include proportion of School fund and bal- ance of dog licenses 1919	\$36,051.69
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Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1921	3,359.04
Due from collector, 1919	44.48
Due from collector, 1920 poll tax	35.00
Due from collector, 1920 property tax	3,951.27
Due from State, State aid maintenance	46.25
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	7,436.04

## LIABILITIES

New cemetery appropriation, balance in treasury	22.65
Fire extinguisher appropriation balance in treasury	34.70
Due School District, 1921 balance dog license	105.20
State aid maintenance, balance in treasury	412.65
State aid construction, Town's portion in Treasury	1,297.50
State aid construction, cash rec'd fr. State	632.46
Street lighting appropriation, bal. in treas.	540.00
Public Library approp., bal. in treas.	85.00

Permanent memorial for service men, approp., bal. in treasury	300.00
Driveway into new cemetery approp., bal. in treasury	84.23
Due Public Library, from sale of grass	20.00
Bonds due April 15, 1921	1,200.00
East Road approp. bal. in treas.	15.24
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	4,749.63
Balance in favor of the town	2,686.41
Trust funds in Savings Banks (See report elsewhere)	

CHARLES G. MELLINGER, Treasurer

## BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

In compliance with the vote of the town at a special town meeting held in Grange Hall, Nov. 30, 1920, the Selectmen and Treasurer sold to E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston, Mass., five thousand three hundred dollars (\$5,300.00) departmental equipment bonds of the town of Atkinson, New Hampshire, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

Bonds and Interest are payable as follows:

	Bonds	Interest	Total
April 15, 1921	1,200.00	98.63	1,298.63
October 15, 1921		102.50	102.50
April 15, 1922	1,100.00	102.50	1202.50
October 15, 1922		75.00	75.00
April 15, 1923	1,000.00	75.00	1,075.00
October 15, 1923		50.00	50.00
April 15, 1924	1,000.00	50.00	1,050.00
October 15, 1924		25.00	25.00
April 15, 1925	1,000.00	25.00	1,025.00
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	5,300.00	603.63	5,903.63

## Amount received from sale of bonds

\$1,200.00 due 1921 @ 99.516	\$1,194.19
1,100.00 due 1922 @ 98.116	1,079.28
1,000.00 due 1923 @ 96.803	968.03
1,000.00 due 1924 @ 95.771	957.71
1,000.00 due 1925 @ 94.415	944.15

Accrued interest from December 1, 1920  
to December 15, 1920, the date of delivery  
of bonds

10.31

Amount received from E. H. Rollins & Sons	<hr/> \$5,153.67
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**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS****Current Revenue**

Property taxes current year, actually collected	11,940.37
Poll taxes current year, actually collected, 7 @ \$3.00, and 107 @ \$5.00	556.00
Property and poll taxes previous year actually collected	1,587.60
From State for highways, State Aid maintenance	2,854.54
From State for highways, State Aid construction	632.46
From State, Insurance tax	10.50
From State, Railroad tax	129.58
From State, Savings Bank tax	175.05
From local sources except taxes, dog licenses	115.20
From local business licenses and permits	17.00
From local interest received on taxes	13.22
From local interest received on deposits	20.33
Permits for registration motor vehicles	356.64
Filing fees of candidates	6.00
Sale of grass, library grounds	20.00
<b>Total current revenue receipts</b>	<b>18,434.49</b>

**Receipts Other Than Current Revenue**

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes, 1920	12,200.00
Bonds issued during year	5,300.00
Refunds	86.04
Trust funds	64.50
Sale cemetery lots	34.00
Sale of hearse	3.50
Sale of Fire extinguisher	7.00

<b>Total other than current revenue receipts</b>	<b>17,695.04</b>
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<b>Total receipts from all sources</b>	<b>36,129.53</b>
<b>Cash on hand February 1, 1920</b>	<b>3,611.57</b>

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$39,741.10</b>
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## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

**General Government**

Town Officers Salaries	733.45
Town Officers Expenses	142.67
Election and Registration expenses	55.60
Rent of Grange Hall building	200.00

**Protection of Persons and Property**

Police department	3.00
Fire department	4.00
Moth extermination	150.00

**Health and Sanitation**

Vital Statistics	3.00
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**Highways and Bridges**

State Aid maintenance	5,507.84
Town maintenance	3,699.22
General expenses	5,398.97

**Education**

Libraries	90.00
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**Charities**

Town Poor	83.50
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**Patriotic Purposes**

Memorial Day exercises	19.98
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**Public Service Enterprises**

Cemeteries	101.50
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**Interest**

Payments on temp. loans in antic. of taxes	216.11
Paid on bonded debt	146.33

**Indebtedness**

Paid on temporary loans in antic. of taxes	12,200.00
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**Other Governmental Divisions**

Taxes paid to State	1,608.00
Taxes paid to county	1,063.44
Payments to School District	4,955.45
Total payments for all purposes	36,382.06
Cash on hand January 31, 1921	3,359.04

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Grand Total	39,741.10
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**DETAIL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS**

The town treasurer's report is quite in detail, if the following be connected with his explanation of Atkinson's receipts.

**1920 permits for Registration of Motor Vehicles**

Frank W. Garran, Ford Sedan	\$ 3.48
Stephen W. Lufkin, Dodge Bros. Touring	13.02
Wm. W. MacMonagle, Ford Touring	1.80
William H. Albree, Chandler Touring	3.89
Gladys E. Conley, Dodge Bros. Touring	2.36
Elmer E. Conley, Ford Truck	1.47
Benn R. Heald, Overland Touring	1.99
May N. Pressey, Dodge Bros. Touring	2.36
Jesse T. Fuller, Scripps Booth Touring	24.06
Charles E. Kinney, Ford Truck	3.00
Harry B. Tuttle, Ford Truck	2.34
Eben W. Nye, Ford Truck	1.73
Ernest L. Barnum, Ford Touring	2.07
Ellen P. Noyes, Overland Touring	16.07
Joshua P. Noyes, Overland Touring	16.07
William Racine, Overland Touring	2.70
Thomas F. Hart, Hudson Roadster	4.80
Verta S. Etz, Overland Touring	2.85
David C. Foote, Allen Touring	22.02
Eugene E. Sawyer, Ford Touring	1.80
Norbert Joseph Cormier, Ford Touring	1.65
Frank Bailey, Ford Runabout	1.73
George H. Moody, Oldsmobile Truck	22.95
Charles E. Moody, Ford Touring	1.65
Henry Otis Leavitt, Ford Touring	2.07
Henry F. Schroeder, Reo Truck	2.81
Adin E. Poor, Ford Touring	3.15
John H. Smith, Buick Touring	15.26

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**1921 Permits for Registration of Motor Vehicles**

Earle S. Quimby, Ford Truck	3.00
Raymond E. Evans, Ford Touring	1.32
Walter A. Barnum, Ford Runabout	1.32
Oscar P. Little, Ford Truck	1.77
Jason A. Given, Ford Touring	5.40
Albert P. Cole, Dodge Bros. Touring	2.50
John H. Smith, Buick Touring	30.52
Stephen W. Lufkin, Dodge Bros. Touring	13.02
Geo. B. Gardner, Ford Touring	1.32
Maude E. Lucy, Ford Touring	5.40
Louis Jacobovitz, Ford Truck	6.60
Carlisle B. Mason, Ford Truck	1.50
Everett H. Poor, Reo Chassis	11.93
Everett H. Poor, Ford Touring	5.40
George A. Sawyer, Ford Touring	4.73
Herbert N. Sawyer, Studebaker Touring	3.15
H. N. Sawyer & Sons, Ford Truck Roadster	2.50
H. N. Sawyer & Sons, Ford-son Truck	1.80
Charles G. Mellinger, Maxwell Touring	2.00
John H. Smith, Ford Touring	1.32
Frank Bailey, Ford Runabout	1.04
Howarth Stansfield, Buick Touring	3.06
Homer O. Nason, Chevrolet Touring	1.47
Moses C. Hall, Ford Touring	1.47
Henry F. Schroeder, Reo Truck	3.38
Wm. W. MacMonagle, Ford Touring	1.48
Frank Leach, Dodge Bros. Touring	2.36
Ellen Parker Noyes, Overland Touring	10.14
Eugene E. Sawyer, Ford Touring	1.08
Milton P. Wood, Ford Touring	2.07
Eben W. Nye, Ford Truck	1.04
Elmer E. Conley, Ford Touring	7.20
Elgin L. Reynolds, Chevrolet Touring	8.82
Jesse T. Fuller, Ford Truck	1.35
David C. Foote, Dodge Sedan	22.80
Charles E. Kinney, Ford Touring	1.65

## DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

## General Government

**Town Officer's Salaries**

Town clerk and treasurer	60.00
Town clerk and treasurer, permits	16.00
Moderator, 1919-1920	20.00
Tax collector, 1½ per cent. collected	187.45
First Selectman	200.00
Second Selectman	125.00
Third Selectman	125.00
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	733.45

**Town Officers' Expenses**

Town clerk, postage, stationery, blanks	7.71
Wm. H. Albree, out of dog licenses	10.00
Amesbury Publishing Co., 1919 town reports	78.00
Selectmen, postage, telephones, stationery, etc.	10.81
Selectmen, expenses to Portsmouth, tax comm.	14.76
Selectmen, expenses on loans	3.41
Selectmen, expenses on bonds	9.47
Selectmen, expenses on electric lights	2.21
Selectmen, expenses on tree spraying	30
Constable, one billy	2.00
Constable, pair handcuffs	4.00
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	142.67

**Election and Registration**

Pencils, wax, envelopes	.60
Supervisor, J. M. Goodrich 1919	5.00
Supervisor, Charles B. Wheeler	10.00
Ballot Inspector, Arthur D. Goodrich	10.00
Ballot Inspector, Andrew Anderson	3.00
Ballot Inspector, Wm. H. Albree	10.00
Ballot Inspector, Calvin P. Stowell	10.00
Ballot Inspector, Hermon E. Rollins	7.00
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	55.60

**Town Hall Expenses**

Rent of Grange Hall building	200.00
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**Protection of Persons and Property**

Police department, transportation	3.00
Fire department, posting forest notices	4.00
Spraying trees, including charge to Hermon Noyes	150.00
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	157.00

**Health and Sanitation**

Town clerk, vital statistics	3.00
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	3.00

**Highways and Bridges**

## State aid Maintenance

Paid by town, bills to Selectmen	876.04
Paid by town, payrolls, teams and men	4,631.80
Paid by State, trucks	418.55
Paid by State, Roller	98.00
Paid by State, Culverts	52.44
Paid by State, Engineering	144.12
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	6,220.95

Cash received from State	2,374.24
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**Town Maintenance**

## Snow Pathing

George T. Conley	58.00
Beverley Whiteneck	26.00
M. C. Hall	10.50
Charles Williams	20.00
Jay W. Stickney	616.58
Thomas A. Young	82.60
Wallace W. Clevesey	151.50
E. E. Conley	68.00
Arthur H. Sawyer	200.00

H. W. Smythe	11.40
H. M. Runnels	53.50
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	1,298.08
Returned by Jay W. Stickney	48.21
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	1,249.87

**East Road**

Highway Agent's pay-rolls	483.51
Frank Noyes, picking up stone	1.25
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	484.76

**New Cemetery Driveway**

Highway Agent's pay-rolls	172.57
Charged for culvert	43.20
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	215.77

**Other Roads**

E. H. Poor, gravel 1919	12.00
George H. Mason, gravel	11.90
Stilman Grover, gravel	27.20
H. W. Smythe, lumber	12.00
E. L. Barnum	1.00
Highway Agent's pay-rolls	1,447.86
Special repairs, ordered by Selectmen	238.85
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	1,750.81

**General Expenses**

Steam tractor, freight, belt and ejector	2,040.18
Crusher, bin, and split pulley	2,953.46
Labor unloading	56.50
Engineering	46.00
Building tool box, etc.	85.72
Lumber	72.18

Coal	15.50
Selectmen's expenses in purchasing	21.85

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 5,291.39

Fellows Hardware Co., 3 dump barrows	15.00
Fellows Hardware Co., shovels, rakes, diggers	28.35
Fellows Hardware Co., 1 dump barrow, hammers etc,	11.91
John H. Smith, shovels, spikes, bolts, oil	16.79
E. L. Barnum, repairing bridge, etc.	1.50
W. Summerfield, laying up tractor	20.00
Wm. Clevesey, right of way to pit 1920	7.00
Hermon Noyes, housing road machine, less spr. chg.	3.00
A. D. Goodrich, painting 7 signs	4.25
Charles B. Wheeler, one union	99

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 108.79

#### Education

Public library, Mitchell & Co., books	43.76
Mitchell & Co., books	39.04
S. W. Lufkin, bill paid	7.50

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 90.00

#### Charities

Jay W. Stickney, groceries for Amos Winters	83.50
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#### Patriotic Purposes

John H. Smith, bill Memorial Day 1919	19.98
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#### Public Service Enterprises

Carlisle B. Mason, care cemetery	37.00
Carlisle B. Mason, care cemetery from trust funds	64.50

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 101.50

#### Unclassified

Joshua C. Noyes, overcharge auto permit	1.02
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**Indebtedness**

Haverhill Nat'l. Bank, taking up note No. 9	4,031.05
Haverhill Nat'l. Bank, taking up note No. 10	8,200.00
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	12,231.05

**Other Governmental Divisions**

To State, tax 1,394.00, from polls 214.00	1,608.00
To County tax	1,063.44
To School District, insurance money	
1920 levy and dog license	4,955.45
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	7,626.89

## REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

None Rendered

## REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

Jan. 31, 1921

July 8, 1899 Wm. C. Todd gave the town a Poor Fund of \$1,000.00; deposited in Haverhill Savings Bank, drawing 5 per cent interest, balance of income on hand at beginning of year \$133.66, income during year \$57.36, nothing expended, on deposit \$1,191.02.

July 14, 1904 W. C. Todd gave the town a Cemetery Fund of \$250.00; deposited in Pentucket Savings Bank, Haverhill, Mass., drawing 5 per cent interest, balance of income on hand at beginning of year \$126.29, income during year \$18.54, expended \$51.00, on deposit \$343.83.

Mar. 16, 1908 Sarah E. Knight gave the town a Cemetery Fund of \$100.00; deposited in the Haverhill Savings Bank, drawing 5 per cent. interest, balance of income on hand at beginning of year 23.88, income during year \$6.23, expended \$4.50, on deposit \$125.61.

June 30, 1911 Mary M. Tolman gave the town a Cemetery Fund of \$100.00; deposited in Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, Mass., drawing 5 per cent. interest, balance of income on hand at beginning of year \$18.40, income during year \$5.97, expended \$4.50, on deposit \$119.87.

May 2, 1912 Caroline Upton gave the town a Cemetery Fund of \$100.00; deposited in Pentucket Savings Bank Haverhill, Mass., drawing 5 per cent. interest, balance of income on hand at beginning of year \$12.22, income during year \$5.51, expended \$4.50, on deposit \$113.23.

CHARLES G. MELLINGER, Treas.

By the act of the Legislature in 1915 the above funds should be administered by the Trustees of Trust Funds, their accounts audited, and reported in annual town reports.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Atkinson, N. H., Feb. 12, 1921.

The auditors have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of taxes, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for payments.

EUGENE E. SAWYER, Auditor

## REPORT OF KIMBALL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The trustees are pleased to report that the interest of the public in the library seems to be on the increase. More of the adult population of the town use the privilege offered them. Nearly six hundred more books have been taken out this year than last.

Number given out during the year 2,865; largest number in one day 98; with an average of over 57 books each day that the Library has been open.

Cash on hand at beginning of year	1.05
Received for fines	4.68
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	5.73
Paid for supplies	5.73
Bought books of Mitchell & Co.	90.00

HERBERT N. SAWYER  
CHARLES B. WHEELER.  
S. W. LUFKIN

Trustees

## BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

### A

America in France

### B

Bars of Iron  
Bride Of A Moment  
Boss Of The Lazy Y  
Burgess Bird Book For Children  
Being Well Born  
Bacteria In Relation To Country Life  
Brothers In Arms  
Boy Scouts Of America

### C

Cottage Of Delight  
Chinese Label

Chronicles of the White Mountains  
Curly  
Cease Firing

## D

Daisy  
Daughter Of Two Worlds  
Diplomacy Of The Great War

## E

Erskine Dale, Pioneer  
English Speaking People

## F

Further Chronicles Of Avonlea  
From Isolation To Leadership  
First Call  
Fath Of France

## G

General Foch At The Marne  
German Enigma  
German Secret Service In America

## H

Hillman  
House Of Baltazer  
Hidden Creek  
Heidi  
How To Know The Wild Flowers  
History Of French Literature

## I

Isobel  
In Secret  
In The Days Of The Pilgrim Fathers  
If I Were Twenty-One

## L

Lonely Stronghold  
Leerie

Love And Loyalty

M

Methods Of Machine Shop Work

Modern Carpentry And Joinery

Man From Tall Timber

Man Of The Forest

Mary Marie

Man With Three Names

Molly Brown Of Kentucky

Marcia Schuyler

Midnight Of The Ranges

O

On Becoming An American

Oh You Tex

Over Here

Our Cities Awake

P

Practical Chemistry For High School Students

Practical Use Of The Steel Square

Peace Of Roaring River

Pals First

Poor Man's Rock

Phoebe Deane

Portygee

Panama Canal Country And People

Practical Blacksmithing

R

Red And Black

Range Boss

Red Seal

Ridin Kid From Powder River

Russia White Or Red

S

Science Of Currency And Centralized Banking

Smiles

Skyrider  
Search  
Ships Across The Sea  
Sergeant Jane  
Still Jim  
Some Of Our Friends  
South America Observations And Impressions  
Shop Problems In Mathematics

## T

Tyranny Of Eben Tollman  
Tale Of Freddy Firefly  
Trumpeter Swan  
Top Of The World

## U

Unspeakable Perk  
Uncle Wiggley In The Woods

## V

Valley Of The Giants  
Valley Of Silent Men  
Voice In The Wilderness

## W

Winning Declamations And How To Speak Them  
Wall Street Girl  
When Bearcat Went Dry  
Woman Named Smith  
Way Of These Women  
What To See In America  
When Oriole Came To Harbor Light  
Wings Of Youth  
Winds Of Chance  
Wall Between  
White Moll  
World War And What Was Behind It





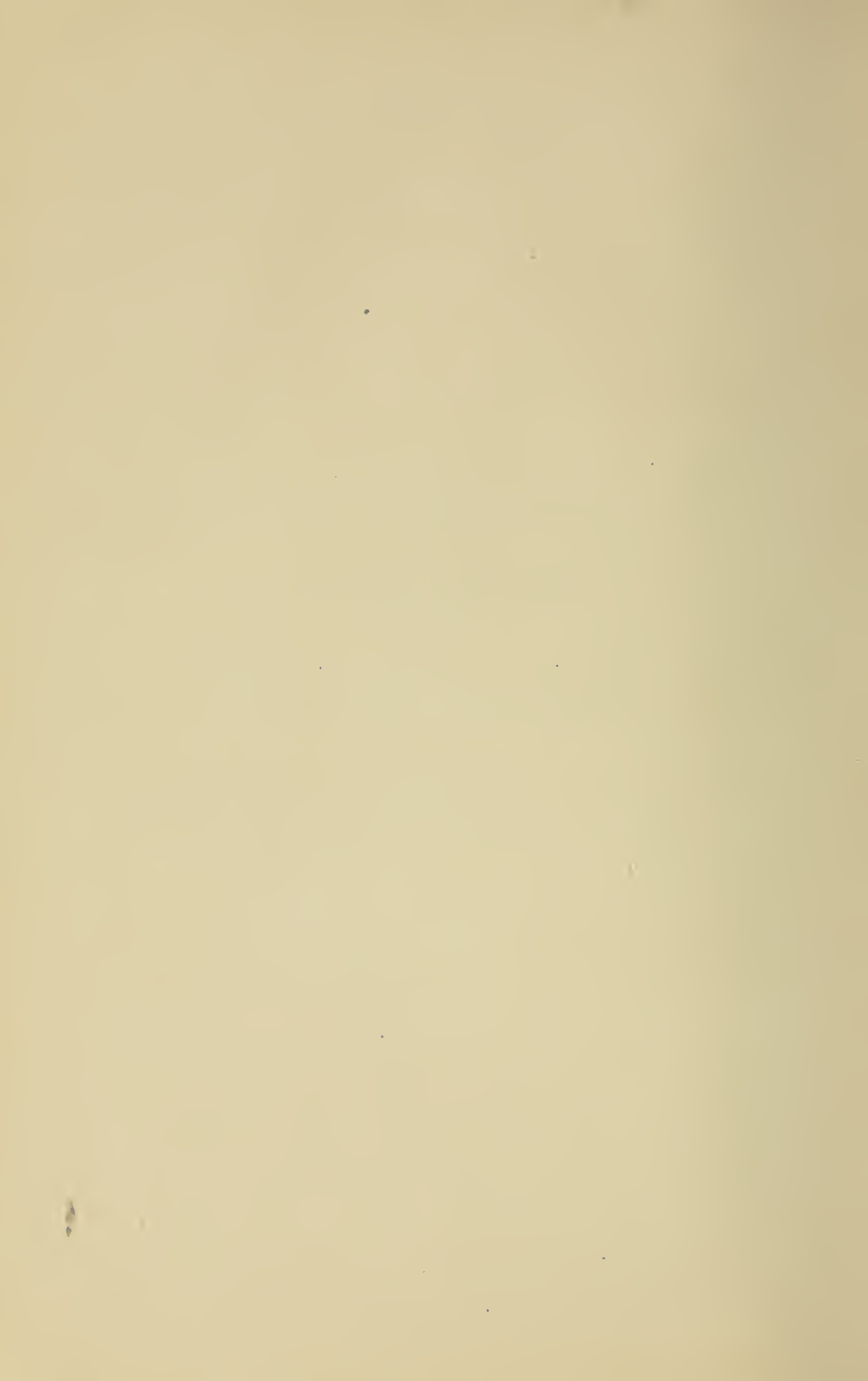
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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD

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**SCHOOL BUDGET 1921-1922**

Salaries of District Officers	\$120.00	
Superintendent's Excess Salary	90.00	
Truant Officer and School Census	25.00	
Other Expenses of Administration	50.00	
Transportation of Pupils	360.00	
Academy Tuition	1,320.00	
Tax for State-wide Supervision per capita	170.00	
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		\$2,135.00
Salaries of Teachers, regular	3,330.00	
Salaries of Teachers, music	217.00	
Text-Books and Supplies	300.00	
Flags and Appurtenances	20.00	
Other expenses of instruction	30.00	
Janitors' Services	198.00	
Fuel	250.00	
Janitors' Supplies	15.00	
Medical Inspection	50.00	
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		\$4,410.00
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		\$6,545.00
Contingency Fund		1,000.00
Estimate of Amount of \$5.00 tax on 1921 Valuation \$440,000.00		\$2,200.00

Respectfully submitted,

H. N. SAWYER, Chairman

A. L. BARRY

School Board

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Atkinson:—

I herewith submit my fourth annual report as superintendent of schools.

The chief events of the year just closed were the decision of the district against centralization, and the erection and organization of the North End school. As between centralization and the district system each has its advantages and its disadvantages and each town district must decide for itself which form it will adopt. Atkinson has made its decision and for the good of the schools and children we trust that the matter may rest for a little time. It would be very expensive for the district to discard its three outlying buildings and construct a suitable building elsewhere.

The North End school has been organized and parents, teachers and pupils are co-operating heartily and enthusiastically to make it at least as good as the best.

The conditions at the Center school which grew out of the difficulty in securing a suitable teacher and the consequent changes of teachers during the year were regrettable but unavoidable. They were the results of the scarcity of teachers which was itself a result of higher salaries in other lines of work. Sixteen to twenty dollars a week in the country meant no attraction for a young woman when the cities and large towns offered twice or three times this amount and in addition the social privileges of the large community. Conditions are returning to normal but there is no probability that salaries will ever go back to the old low level, nor is such reduction to be desired.

It was fortunate for the Sawyer and Depot communities that no change has occurred this summer, and it is a matter of gratification that Miss Bean at the Center school has been able not merely to do her work well but also to secure the support of pupils and parents in her efforts to get results.

We have had one year of the new education law and

have found it good. It has resulted in a vast improvement in scores of school houses throughout the State. It has extended the length of the school year in many towns from one to thirteen weeks and has helped these weak districts to pay a salary large enough to get at least a fairly good teacher. It has equalized the burden of taxation at a time when this burden was heavy making the places of wealth and business activity help the towns that have neither. Last year Atkinson received aid to the extent of \$1,008.10, and for this year to the amount of \$2,351.37 has been approved by the State Board of Education.

The law has secured more uniformity of standards of equipment and of work in the elementary schools course—frequently the results are better as well as more uniform.

The law has put the educational system of the State on a broad, general business basis that will result in economy of effort, economy of administration of school money, because as a State wide community better results will be secured in proportion to expenditures.

The stimulus to Home and School Garden work given by war necessity for food production resulted in wonderful results in this direction by school children. During the past year however without this stimulus teachers have found it difficult to arouse enough interest to get any results. Some few teachers by their own interest and by their powers of inspiration have been able to keep the work going but it has fallen far behind what it should be. Parents can do much to help in this direction, in fact it is impossible to accomplish much of anything without their active support and cooperation. I am hoping for a renewal of interest in this subject this spring.

The extreme severity of the weather last winter made it impossible to visit the schools as often or as regularly as usual throughout the district. The snow was so deep that the use of an automobile was out of the question. The electric cars ran on two-hour time—when they did run—or stood on the tracks waiting for power or help to get them through. In one case I made two unsuccessful attempts to

reach one school spending an entire day on each attempt, from 6:30 A. M. until 7 P. M. My third effort was a success but I had used up three entire days in making a visit to one school. I find from the records that I made in all 734 visits during the year, an average of 4.4 visits for each day that the schools were actually in session.

This is not a complaint but an explanation due the cause of supervision.

For the co-operation afforded me in my work I extend my thanks to Committee, Teachers and Citizens.

JAMES A. MACDOUGALL, Supt.

## REPORT OF TEACHER OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent and School Board of Atkinson, New Hampshire.

I herewith present my third annual report as supervisor of music in the Atkinson Schools.

The course of study remains unchanged. The children being taught how to sing tunefully by imitation and rote songs in the first grade. The second, third and fourth grade pupils are becoming familiar with key signatures and time figures. Their work in music reading is very good.

Changed voices at the Center School, have made four-part singing possible in the upper grades this year. At the Sawyer School and the Depot School three-part singing is being successfully carried on. At Number Nine the pupils are singing in two parts.

The chorus work at the High School is being carried on as usual.

With the natural capacity of the Atkinson children along musical lines, and with the ability and faithfulness of the teachers I can plainly see yearly progress. Again I wish to thank these teachers for their help in making my work a success.

Respectfully submitted

EVA A. WILLIAMS

## PROMOTION, RETARDATION AND LOSS

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
Number promoted to next grade during or at end of year	8	2	8	10	8	0	12	4
Number in grade at end of year not promoted	4	1	2	1	0	0	1	0
Number left in grade at end of year who have been there two two years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number in grades I and II over 10 yrs old	0	0						
Number who have left school during year and whose school life has presumably ended	NONE							
Average of September age of pupils	6	8	8-3	10	11-1		12-5	14



	Center School Helen Haywood Dorothy M. Smith	Sawyer Mrs. L. E. Marble	Depot Helena Jefferson Helen Dewhirst Sub. 5 weeks	Totals
Length of school year in weeks	36	36	36	
Number of pupils registered	27	23	24	74
Boys	17	9	14	40
Girls	10	14	10	34
Average attendance	22.2	16	12.6	50.8
Average absent	3.6	2	2.1	7.7
Average membership	25.8	18	14.7	58.5
Per cent. of attendance	85	89	85	86.8
Number of tardinesses	132	57	30	219
Visits of Superintendent	29	17	17	63
Visits of School Board	1	1	1	3
Visits, others	2	3	33	38
Not absent or tardy	0	3	1	4

### ROLL OF HONOR

#### NOT ABSENT OR TARDY DURING YEAR

Imogene Barnum  
Dorothea Johnson

Evelyn Freeman  
Harold Wood

## SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

Sept. 1, 1919 to Sept. 1, 1920

Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1919	\$464.92
Rec'd from Town Treas. Nov. 4, 1919	500.00
Rec'd from Town Treas. Dec. 20, 1919	500.00
Rec'd from Town Treas. Jan. 31, 1920	1,753.80
Rec'd from Town Treas. Jan. 31, 1920 for new Schoolhouse	1,000.00
Rec'd from Town Treas. Jan. 31, 1920, bal. dog tax,	90.60
Rec'd from Town Treas. Jan. 31, 1920 re- bate, High School tuition	148.50
Rec'd from State, Jan. 31 1920, for qualified teachers	210.00
Rec'd from State, Mar. 17, 1920, Proportion of State Fund	649.60
Rec'd from Salem, N. H. Mar. 19 1920, for tuition	24.00
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	5,341.42
Paid orders given by School Committee	4,018.23
Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1920	323.19
Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1920 for new School- house	1,000.00
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	5,341.42

S. W. LUFKIN, Treasurer.

## GENERAL SUMMARY

1	Salaries of District Officers	\$15.00
2	Superintendent's Excess Salary	50.00
3	Truant Officer and School Census	0.00
4	Expenses of Administration	1.50
5	Teachers Salaries	2,063.10
6	Textbooks	15.34
7	Scholars Supplies	11.45
8	Flags and Appurtenances	0.00
9	Other Expenses of Instruction	22.34
10	Janitor Service	121.75
11	Fuel	47.00
12	Water, Light, and Janitors' Supplies	4.06
13	Minor Repairs and Expenses	4.37
14	Medical Inspection	0.00
15	Transportation of Pupils	617.00
16	High School and Academy Tuition	462.50
17	Elementary School Tuition	0.00
18	Other Special Activities	0.00
19	Insurance	58.00
20	Other Fixed Charges	0.00
21	Lands and New Buildings	0.00
22	Alterations of Old Buildings	0.00
23	New Equipment	0.00
24	Payments of Principle and Debt	320.00
25	Payments of Interest on Debt	52.80
26	Tax for State-wide Supervision	152.00
27	Payments of Notes or Bills from Previous year	0.00

Total	<u>\$4,018.21</u>
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Balance Sept. 1, 1920

Schoolhouse Fund	\$1,000.00
Special	100.00
Cash in Bank	210.39
Cash on Hand	12.82

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\$1,323.21

## ITEMIZATION

1	S. W. Lufkin, District Treasurer	\$15.00
2	Treasurer Supervisory Union	50.00
3		0.00
4	S. W. Lufkin Stationery and Stamps	1.50
5	Mrs. M. E. Marble	597.30
	Miss Helen Pearl	36.00
	Miss Helena E. Jefferson	531.85
	Miss Helen L. Dewhirst	126.00
	Miss Helene Howarth	222.55
	Miss Jeanie Frost	57.60
	Mrs. Harriet W. Garrahan	64.80
	Mrs. Dorothy M. Smith	274.00
	Miss Eva A. Williams—Music	153.00
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		2,063.10
6	D. Appleton & Co.	15.34
7	Helena E. Jefferson	3.45
	Charles T. Schueler	2.00
	Hildreth & Rogers	6.00
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		11.45
8	Flags and Appurtenances	0.00
9	Graduation, Tobias Printing Co.	10.20
	Graduation, Miss Jefferson, Ribbon	7.00
	Kneupfer, Dimmeck— Music, etc.	5.14
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		22.34
10	Janitor Service	
	Allen Moulton	15.25
	Harold D. Wood	44.25
	Malcolm Bickum	9.00
	S. W. Lufkin	39.00
	Helena E. Jefferson	3.75
	Mary E. Marble	10.50
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		121.75

## TOWN REPORT

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11	H. N. Sawyer, 4 cords Wood	32.00	
	L. E. Marble, 1 cord wood	7.50	
	C. R. Quimby, Wood	3.00	
	Frank E. Steele, Sawing and piling wood	4.50	
			47.00
12	Jay W. Stickney, 2 brooms	1.70	
	Helena Jefferson, Window screens	.86	
	K. F. Gentis, Window screens	1.50	
			4.06
13	O. L. Whittaker		4.37
14	Medical Inspection		0.00
15	T. A. Young	356.00	
	C. P. Stowell	261.00	
			617.00
16	Academy Tuition		462.50
17	Elementary School Tuition		0.00
18	Other special activities		0.00
19	J. M. Goodrich, Center and Depot Schools		58.00
20	Other Fixed Charges		0.00
21	Lands and New Buildings		0.00
22	Alterations of Old Buildings		0.00
23	New Equipment		0.00
24	Haverhill N. B., on principle Sawyer School Note		320.00
25	Haverhill N. B., on Interest Sawyer School Note		52.80
26	State Treasurer		152.00
27	Payments of Notes or bills from previous year		0.00
			<u>\$4,018.21</u>

Respectfully submitted

A. L. BARRY, Clerk

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ENDING SEPT. 1, 1920

## Receipts

From the State		
For qualified teachers	\$210.00	
For rebate High School Tuition	148.50	
For equalization	649.60	
		\$1,008.10
From the Selectmen raised by taxation		
Five dollars per thousand tax		
\$2,073.80, \$500 of which was		
paid prior Sept. 1, 1919 leaving	\$1,573.80	
High School Tuition	700.00	
Salaries of District Officers	15.00	
District debt	320.00	
North End School	1,000.00	
Emergency appropriation	145.00	
Dog licenses	90.60	
From Salem for elementary school		
tuition	24.00	
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		\$4,368.40
Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1919		464.92
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		\$5,341.42

## Payments

Paid District Treasurer	\$15.00
Superintendent's excess salary	50.00
Other expenses of administration	1.50
Teachers salaries	2,061.57
Text books	20.48
Scholars supplies	5.86
Graduation expenses	18.20

Janitors services	113.75	
Fuel	84.50	
Minor repairs	5.87	
Transportation	617.00	
Academy tuition	440.00	
Insurance	58.00	
Principal on debt	320.00	
Interest on debt	52.80	
Paid State tax for Statewide supervision	152.00	
(\$2.00 per pupil)		
Due North End School-house	1,000.00	
Cash on hand	323.19	
		\$5,341.42

Note due on Sawyer School 640.00  
with interest

Of this amount 320.00 to be paid  
from balance Sept. 1, 1919.

Remainder to be paid from ap-  
propriation 1920.

H. N. SAWYER, School Board

## MINORITY REPORT

There was a tacit understanding among those favoring the centralization of the schools of Atkinson to let the matter rest for the present; but the Superintendent has seen fit to bring the subject to your attention, I shall not attempt to discuss "centralization" to any extent, but will call your attention to the statements which support or suggest "centralization."

"Atkinson has made its decision." Webster defines "decision" as "final judgement or opinion, in a case which has been under deliberation or discussion." The conduct of the 1920 special district meeting at which the so-called decision was made was not that of "deliberation or discussion". Had there been deliberation I am confident the vote would have been in favor of centralization, since we could have overcome the one objection—that of transportation—of many, by convincing them that the children can be transported in comfort.

"It would be very expensive for the district to discard its three outlying buildings and construct a suitable building elsewhere." Since the centralization of Atkinson's schools must and will come, the proponents thereof attempted to show the folly of building the new Sawyer School in 1916 and the North End School in 1920 when the time is near that they would be abandoned in favor of a centralized school. However, they will not be a total loss to the district as they can be sold to persons who want a bungalow for a summer home. Already over \$1800.00 has been expended on the North End school which has an enrollment of only nine scholars, two of whom come from Salem.

"The law (1919 School Law) has secured more uniformity of standards of equipment and of work in the elementary schools—consequently the results are better as well as more uniform". Here is centralization in the State Board of Education. Had Atkinson a central school **one** set of equipment would be necessary instead of four as at the present time.



"The law has put the educational system of the State on a broad, general business basis that will result in economy of effort, economy of administration of school money, because as a state community better results will be secured in proportion to expenditures." Here again is centralization: one plant to maintain; one janitor to run that plant; one school, instead of four, for the Superintendent to visit; and "a place where the whole community goes to school." Then too, the socializing influence of such a school will result in a community spirit, the fruits of which are cooperation, loyalty and civic pride."

In the report under "Promotion, Retardation and Loss" you will note that one-half as many scholars in Grades One and Two were "held back" as were promoted. The question of retardation is a serious one. For every year a child is retarded it costs that much more for its education, and "being left behind" discourages the child. Proper grading and classification are impossible in a one-teacher school. What is the result? "A pupil attempting work that is too difficult soon loses interest in the work and confidence in himself; while, on the other hand, too easy work may make him a mental loafer."

The Report of the Commissioner of Education for the year ending June 30, 1920 shows that "the consolidated schools in the United States number about 12,000.

### "REMARKS AND SUGGESTIONS"

"It is lamentable that the amount of money expended for school purposes should give so little in return. By consulting the registers it will be seen that the whole number of scholars in town, between the ages of four and sixteen might be convened in one room of moderate dimensions. While the distance of travel, might to some be a serious objection to consolidation, it is still a question worthy of consideration, whether it might not be wise and practicable to reduce the number of our schools, even if we retain the number of our districts. What inconvenience could arise by

uniting districts one and three for school purposes? No scholar would be compelled to travel an additional distance of more than a third of a mile, while the advantages might be double the amount of schooling, with an increase of interest among parents and children. Also, districts two and four might unite by giving one family their proportion of school money to expend in an adjoining town, where they could be well accommodated as at present in their own district. There are many reasons aside from the lengthening of the schools, that might be urged in favor of such unions. It is a well established theory that mind acts on mind, and the more readily they are brought into immediate contact. In other words, every act of our lives, whether it be good or evil, known or unknown, is contagious, and effects the community as they are in condition to be affected thereby. Consequently a congregation of minds and intellects gives us an aggregation of thought which pervades space and impregnates the very atmosphere in which we exist. Who that has not felt the strength and inspiration of the multitude? And who that has not been overwhelmed by the weakness of the few?

Allow me to anticipate one objection to a union of schools. It will be urged that we gather in the bad, as well as the good, whose corrupting influences must weigh in the scales of good and evil. I admit it; and what then? Do we propose to show ourselves cowards by refusing to eat and drink with publicans and sinners for fear of contamination? The righteous we can't help, sinners we may. Another reason for union is, that we might secure the services of a good efficient male teacher, which is much needed at this time. We argue progress, and work against it. We believe in the resurrection, and labor for degradation. No one can say in truth that our schools sustain the reputation of former days. Youth of ten years acknowledge no superior in the maid of sixteen; and the tendency is, insubordination. Put a master in our public schools, and you supersede the necessity of an infant class at our private schools of higher grade. I urge nothing against our private schools.

God speed and prosper them. But let us spend our public money for the public good; for by so doing we give the strongest pledge in our power that the higher schools shall be filled to the overflowing with scholars competent to sit in high places.

I cannot close without alluding to the deleterious influence of district feuds. No teacher can succeed without the united aid of the district. Anchored between two conflicting currents, if they "launch out into the deep" they get beyond their soundings; if they venture near the shore, they are stranded on shoals and quicksands. If Christ could do no mighty works (Mark 6:5) where unbelief and will opposed, how little should we expect from our femine teachers unsupported by the strength of the district. Ishmael cannot long endure with every man's hand against him, but goes down by an immutable law, and his fall is too often attributed to his individual weakness.

(Signed) ALBERT NOYES,  
Superintending School Committee.

To the Town Atkinson, March 1, 1873." \*

NOTE that there were sixteen scholars in district one and twenty-two in district three, total thirty-eight; twenty scholars in district two and five in district four, total twenty-five.

As THE EDITOR of "Farm and Fireside" for February 1921 says, "The school problem is not a national problem—it is an individual problem, **your** problem; and it affects **your** children. You can have good schools and good teachers in your community if you will get together, stick together put up the money, and **insist** on having them."

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. BARRY

Member of School Board.

\* (For the above, I am indebted to Richard L. Heald, owner of the report.)

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE TOWN OF ATKINSON 1920

### BIRTHS

Registered in Ahkinson for the year ending  
December 31, 1920

Jan. 29—Edwin P. Nye. Father, Eben W. Nye; Mother, Gertrude F. Dunn; residence, Atkinson.

Mar. 6—Robert Howard Poor. Father, Everett H. Poor; Mother, Lillian J. Clark; residence, Atkinson.

July 23—Lerinia Ingalls Eastman. Father, Clyde N. Eastman; Mother, Eleanor I. Pressey; residence, Atkinson.

July 26—Haverhill, Mass. Donald Bickum. Father, Herbert W. Bickum; Mother, Edith F. Page; residence, Atkinson.

### MARRIAGES

Jan. 16—Loren Harold Wallace and Pansy May Smith, both of Merrimac, Mass. Parents, George Wallace, Hattie Booker, and Fred Smith, Mertie Whittier. By the Rev. C. Julian Tuthill, in Atkinson.

June 1—Frank Irving Noyes and Mildred May Enos, both of Providence, R. I. Parents, Samuel Irving Noyes, Sarah Alice Chase, and William H. Enos, Laura E. Stanton. By the Rev. William W. Patton, in Atkinson.

June 1—Stephen Dana Noyes and Edna Florence Smith, both of Haverhill, Mass. Parents, Samuel Irving Noyes, Sarah Alice Chase, and Edward Sylvanus Smith, Florence Emma Woodman. By the Rev. William W. Patton, in Atkinson.

June 6—Walter Ezekiel Stickney and Ruth A. Conley, of Ballardvale, Mass., and Atkinson, N. H. Parents, Charles C. Stickney, Elizabeth H. Moody, and Gideon D. Conley, Francis W. Jackson. By the Rev. Francis P. Thayer, in Salem, N. H.

Sept. 3—Paul Fontaine and Alice M. Doucette (2nd), both of Haverhill, Mass. Parents, Paul C. Fontaine, Fannie Moyne, and Patrick Cronin, Mary Josephine. By the Rev. C. Julian Tuthill, in Atkinson.

Sept. 12—Charles Howard Wilson and Edna May Young, of North Salem, N. H., and Atkinson, N. H. Parents, Henry Wilson, Emma Stevens, and Thomas Young, Luretta D. Chute. By the Rev. Noble Fisk, in Salem, N.H.

Nov. 25—Clifford A. Sawyer and Marion E. Bridgham, of Atkinson, N. H. and Haverhill, Mass. Parents, Herbert N. Sawyer, Nettie G. Pettengill, and Justin R. Bridgham, Nellie Francis Noyes. By the Rev. Roger F. Etz, in Atkinson.

## DEATHS

Mar. 6—Atkinson, N. H. Robert Howard Poor, age 3 hours. Parents Everett H. Poor, Lillian J. Clark.

April 2—Atkinson, N. H. Helen E. Conley, age 58 years, 3 months, 1 day. Parents, Jacob Tell, Lucy Rowell.

May ?—Atkinson, N. H. Louis Patnaude, age 47 yrs., 10 months. Parents, Edmund Patnaude, Eulalie Marcoux.

Oct. 23—Haverhill, Mass. John Lucy, age 60 years. Parents, Denis Lucy, Mary Moynihan.

Nov. 9—Atkinson, N. H. Andrew Anderson, age 68 years, 5 months. Parents Anthony Anderson, Dorothy ?

Nov. 27—Atkinson, N. H. Charles A. Knight, age 73 years 8 months, 25 days. Parents, Alonzo Knight, Eunice Ireson.

Dec. 2—Atkinson, N. H. Sarah J. Bonnell. age 88 years, 8 months, 25 days. Parents, ?Mitchell, Catherine Larne.

Dec. 19—Haverhill, Mass. Freedom Augustus Nason, age 69 years, 4 months, 10 days. Parents, Freedom Nason Mary G. Palmer.

Dec. 20—Atkinson, N. H. Mary Ann Page, age 81 years, 20 days. Parents Jesse Page, Ann Little.





